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Academy Of Friends Gala Benefits Bay Area AIDS Organizations

▸ HERBST PAVILION

Despite major advances in prevention and treatment, AIDS continues to take a tragic toll in the San Francisco Bay Area and around the world. Since 1981, more than 18,000 San Franciscans have died from the disease, according to the SF AIDS Foundation. In California, that number surpasses 82,000, and across the globe it rises to an estimated 20 million-plus.

To counter these trends, the Academy of Friends (AOF) holds an annual gala to benefit Bay Area HIV/AIDS organizations. This year's event, now in its 27th year, is held in Fort Mason Center's Herbst Pavilion on Sunday, February 25. Guests enjoy luscious food and drink from fine Bay Area restaurants and wineries as they watch a live telecast of the Academy Awards ceremony in an elegant, black-tie atmosphere. A silent auction and raffle for a Mercedes Benz are also held.

To date, the AOF has distributed nearly $6 million to more than 60 AIDS service agencies. In the words of Matt Rigdon, an AOF underwriter, "Too many of my friends have been affected by HIV and AIDS. AOF funds local organizations that are on the front lines, fighting this epidemic every day. While I enjoy attending their top-notch events, I also know I'm helping to make a difference. It's the right thing to do, and a great way to do it!"

Academy of Friends was founded in 1980 by Kile Ozier as a small, private Oscar night party —with twenty-five friends, some great food, lots of champagne, and plenty of Awards night glamour. Over subsequent years, the party became an HIV/AIDS fundraiser. Today, AOF is one of the largest contributors to HIV/AIDS service organizations in the Bay Area.

Last year, Bay Area AIDS agencies faced more than $4 million in funding cuts from the federal government, notes the AOF website. Now that people with AIDS are living longer, healthier lives because of new drugs, there is an increased demand for services including food, housing, counseling, medical care, and volunteer support. To help meet this growing need, last year's gala alone distributed $500,000 to Bay Area HIV/AIDS service organizations, assisting nearly 200,000 people from diverse race, gender, and socioeconomic backgrounds.

For more about the 27th Annual Academy of Friends Gala see the February 25 calendar listing or visit www.academyoffriends.org. — *AL*

Asian & Tribal Art Shows Here This Month

▸ FESTIVAL PAVILION

The San Francisco Arts of Pacific Asia and the San Francisco Tribal & Textile Arts Show return to the Festival Pavilion on successive weekends beginning February 2. Both have special preview opening night festivities.

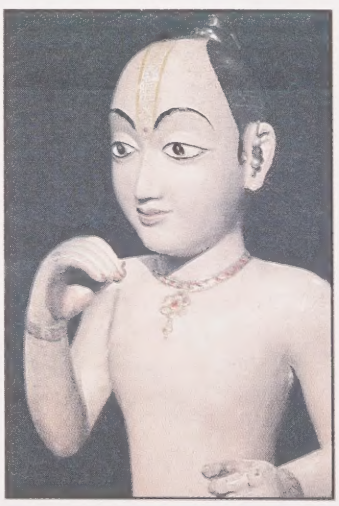
The Asian Gala benefits the Asian Art Museum Chong-Moon Lee Center for Asian Art and Culture. The Tribal Gala benefits the galleries for Art of Africa, Oceania, and the Americas as well as the Textiles galleries in the de Young Museum.

The West Coast's premier Asian show features museum-quality art from more than 80 of the world's top galleries specializing in Pacific Asian art. The exhibition provides an opportunity to view or purchase such objects as jewelry and paintings from India, bronzes from Nepal, robes and porcelain from China, kimonos and prints from Japan, ceremonial objects from Indonesia, and ceramics from Korea. The show features a special retail exhibition of Cambodian silk Ikats, which includes the luminous weavings known as *pidon* and *sampot chawn kbunr* (textiles worn by royals).

The opening night Gala on February 1, lit by colorful lanterns, has Chinese stiltwalkers and Lion Dancers as well as a first look at the exhibition.

The following weekend, more than 100 top international dealers and galleries display the best in fiber and textile art at the internationally renowned San Francisco Tribal & Textile Arts Show. The show specializes in unique historic and contemporary art including African and Oceanic sculpture and masks, Central and South American pottery and folk art, Mexican paintings and ceramics, New Guinea sculpture and weapons, and Spanish Colonial Art. Attendees also have the chance to view and purchase Native American pottery, blankets, beadwork, and basketry, as well as Middle Eastern and Indian jewelry and textiles. The tapestries of Jon Eric Riis also are on display.

The opening night Gala is on February 8. For more information on both shows and Gala information, check the calendar, or visit www.caskeylees.com. — *RT*



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Fort Mason Center's Mission

To create and preserve a cultural, educational, and recreational center that reflects the unique history, talents, and interests of people in the Bay Area, in partnership with the National Park Service.

FORT MASON CENTER AT A GLANCE

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2/24	SF Chronicle Wine Competition Tasting
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2/17	Bay Area Heart Gallery

RUMBLINGS, RAMBLINGS AT THE FORT

EDNA O'BRIEN RETURNS... The Irish author whose novel, *The Light of Evening,* has just been released told the *San Francisco Chronicle* that she's working on three one-act plays, one of which will premiere at the **Magic** in the theater's 41st season. O'Brien's *Family Butchers* was presented here in 2005 as was the much acclaimed *Triptych* in 2003.

THE NOT SO SECRET LIVES OF BATS... Pretty incredible are the talents of those who have performed or are performing on the **BATS Improv** stage. Current Mainstage Company player **John Kovacevich** can be seen with **Will Smith** in the movie *The Pursuit of Happyness.* He plays the young executive who meets Smith at a 49ers game. Former Sunday player **Masi Oka** (aka Hiro Nakamura) has appeared in the TV show "Scrubs," and was nominated for a Golden Globe for his role on the new hit TV show "Heroes." Oka was also named *People Magazine* "breakout star." Ask him about time traveling.

MORE ON BATS' LIVES... Another BATS player, **Amos Glick**, landed a role in the fantastical water spectacle "Le Rêve" at the Wynn Casino in Las Vegas. He is a member of a four-person clown ensemble. Must have to wear waterproof makeup. And **Adam Savage**, host of the Discovery Channel's "Mythbusters," *signed up for BATS Improv classes.*

THE PAST IS A STAGE...A quarter of a century ago this month, a former resident group called **Life on the Water** presented *Beyond Detroit* in Building B, while **Magic** hosted both *Roshi* (a play pitting Zen against Capitalism) and *True Beauties* (about poverty in a small town in Louisiana). **Young Performers Theatre** presented *Mother Goose Incorporated* with Mrs. Goose cast as a booking agent. Two decades ago the Herbst Pavilion was the site for 50 artists and 5,000 works at the **Armory Show**.

BEHIND THE SCENES... For those of you who noticed the change in uniforms for the parking operators, **City Park** took over parking operations beginning the first of the year. As you may know, net revenue from parking fees goes toward the seismic retrofitting and preservation of the historic buildings at Fort Mason Center.

SENDING OFF THE OLD YEAR... While **Will Durst** and company skewered many of the political players of 2006 at the Cowell Theater, hundreds of others celebrated to the music of **Jimi Hendrix**, **Janis Joplin**, **Jefferson Airplane**, and a host of others at Fort Mason Center. **KRON TV** was here to do the New Year's countdown with the '60s tribute show.

REMEMBRANCE... The late Ploughshares founder **Sally Lilienthal** will be celebrated for her life and achievements at a special event in Washington DC this month. — *Staff*

Pleasure & Pain, Rust Premiere

▶ MAGIC THEATRE, BUILDING D

Magic Theatre's 40th Anniversary Season resumes with a passion in February. Its Hot House '07 series offers world premieres of plays by Chantal Bilodeau and Kirsten Greenidge.

Starting the series on February 3 is Bilodeau's *Pleasure & Pain*, a sensual, suspenseful thriller directed by Magic's Associate Artistic Director Jessica Heidt. The lead character, Peggy, is a Midwestern woman whose safe, monotonous life is interrupted by erotic daydreams of her boss, the living embodiment of her deepest fantasies. When her desires spill over onto the written page and into the hands of her superior, Peggy soon realizes that pleasure cannot come without pain.

Pleasure & Pain

The Hot House adventure continues on February 17 with Greenidge's *Rust*, a biting, thought-provoking comedy directed by San Francisco's own Raelle Myrick-Hodges. With bold theatrical flourish, Greenidge explodes racial stereotypes through the story of Aunt Jemima and Uncle Ben, who must reclaim their lives and help a black football star play the game on his own terms.

"Our 40th Anniversary Season has been about celebrating Magic's amazing legacy," said Artistic Director Chris Smith. "Hot House is where we look to Magic's future. These bold, new plays by exciting new writers keep us on the leading edge."

To deepen the experience, Hot House '07 offers three theater-intensive weekends featuring all plays, Band Jams with live music after each Saturday night performance, issue-focused panels with experts discussing topics raised by each show, Q&A sessions with the artists and Magic Theatre staff, and special new plays forums. Special passes are available for theatergoers wishing to attend each of the Hot House plays.

Pleasure & Pain and *Rust* were developed at the Magic as part of the New Voices West program with support from the Tournesol Project, a Bay Area family foundation that offers grants for the production of new plays.

For more about Magic Theatre's Hot House '07 plays in February, see the February 3 calendar listing or visit www.magictheatre.org. — *AL*

Exciting Weekends Of Dance

▶ COWELL THEATER

Dance dominates the Cowell Theater in February as two familiar companies return to Fort Mason Center.

Company C Contemporary Ballet opens its season with two days of performances at the Cowell, beginning Friday, February 9. The program features signature works by Twyla Tharp, Paul Taylor, Lynne Taylor-Corbett, James Sewell, and Company C Artistic Director Charles Anderson.

Formed in 2002 almost by accident, the 13-member repertory company moved quickly to establish itself as a genuine player in contemporary ballet by featuring nationally recognized, contemporary choreographers. For more information, check the calendar listing for February 9, or visit www.companycballet.org.

The San Francisco Youth Eurythmy Troupe presents *The Lost Path* on Friday, February 16 and again on Saturday. The eclectic program includes a Mendelssohn piece, an interpretation of *Snow White and the Seven Dwarves*, and part of *Dante's Inferno*. In addition, special guest artist Ronald Koetzsch discusses his "Theory of Non-Intelligent Design."

The Waldorf School, which emphasizes challenge and independent thinking for its high school students, produces the event. For more information, check the calendar listing for February 16, or visit hs.sfwaldorf.org. — *RT*

San Francisco Grand Wine Competition

▶ FESTIVAL PAVILION

Each year the *San Francisco Chronicle* Wine Competition puts California wines — and others, mostly from the West — to the test. Last year, more than 50 judges gave their verdicts on more than 3,000 wines.

Come to the Festival Pavilion Saturday, February 24 for the greatest competition in wine. From the best gewürztraminers and rieslings to the best rhones and barberas, judges announce the top wines in each category. More popular wines — chardonnay, cabernet, pinot noir, and zinfandel — are also judged by price point categories.

Last year, Windsor Vineyards was named the top white with its 2005 Sauvignon Blanc, Mendocino County Private Reserve. Patz & Hall plucked the best red for its 2004 Sonoma Coast Pinot Noir.

Come, taste the best of the best. For more information about this major wine event, check the February 24 calendar listing, or visit www.winejudging.com. — *RT*

February's Floral Fantasia

Cirrhopetalum Rothschildianum "Red Chimney"

▶ FESTIVAL PAVILION

When winter chills our bones this month, a promise of springtime blooms during the third weekend. That's when Orchid Fantasia, the San Francisco Orchid Society's Pacific Orchid Exposition, takes place in the Festival Pavilion. Now in its 55th year, the annual event features more than 100,000 of the horticultural beauties in every color, shape, and size imaginable.

Orchids are found on every continent except Antarctica. They thrive in climates as diverse as the sultry jungles of South America and the cool slopes of the Andes and the Himalayas. In the Bay Area, our myriad microclimates and mild winters make growing at least one species within reach of most gardening enthusiasts. It is no wonder that the Orchid Society's annual expo is one the most anticipated and popular gardening events in the San Francisco and entire Bay Area.

The San Francisco Orchid Society is one of the country's leading orchid education and cultivation organizations. The opening night reception is a benefit for a scholarship in orchid horticulture. For details about Orchid Fantasia, see February 15 in the calendar and visit www.orchidsanfrancisco.org. — *JR*

VISIT FORT MASON ONLINE

www.fortmason.org For the latest information on events, classes and workshops, visit Fort Mason Center's web site. You'll have access to:

- Latest Event listings
- Links To FMC Residents' Web Sites
- Monthly E-Newsletter
- On-Line Ticketing

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THURSDAY 1

Wellness Group Group meeting focuses on wellness & personal growth. Ongoing Tue&Thur 5:15pm FREE Gatehouse (916) 376-1071

SF Arts Of Pacific Asia Show More than eighty of the world's top dealers & galleries exhibit rare, ancient artifacts & antiques from the mainland & Pacific Asia regions. The opening night preview benefits the education programs of the Asian Art Museum's Chong-Moon Lee Center for Asian Art & Culture. 2/1-4 Thur-Sun Opening Night Gala 2/1 Thur 7-10pm (call (415) 581-3788 for cost) Exhibit & sale 2/2-4 Fri&Sat 11am-7pm Sun 11am-5pm $15 Festival Pavilion www.caskeylees.com (310) 455-2886

FRIDAY 2

Sterling Silver Jewelry Sale Hi Ho Silver SF presents its biannual pre-shopping trip sale w/50% off selected items. High-quality sterling silver jewelry & items imported directly from Taxco & Cuernavaca, Mexico. Great designs, great quality & great prices. 2/2-18 Fri&Sun 10am-4pm, Sat 10am-4:30pm FREE adm Bldg A www.hihosilver.com (415) 771-4446

Company C Contemporary Ballet see 2/9 PHOTO: SUSAN VOGEL

Poetry Reading W/Jane Hirshfield A benefit reading for the CG Jung Institute Library Journal. 7:30-9:30pm $50 Bldg A www.sfjung.org (415) 771-8080

● **BATS Improv** FMC's resident improv troupe continues its annual Rock 'n' Roll comedy tournament culminating w/the finals on 2/24. Audience suggestions inspire games, songs & scenes & the entertainment includes music, dancing & giant fuzzy dice! On Wed 2/14, the players present their annual Valentine's Day Show. Each Sunday, BATS advanced students perform as the Sunday Players. 2/2-25 Fri&Sat 8pm, 2/14 Wed 8pm, Sun 7pm $15-$8 ($12-$5 adv) FMC "Friends" $1 off w/mbrs card BATS Center for Improv Theatre Bayfront Theater Bldg B www.improv.org (415) 474-8935

Rock 'n' Roll Theatresports 2/2-24

Valentine's Day Show 2/14

Sunday Players Grad Showcase 2/4&18

Sunday Players Micetro 2/11&25

SF Arts Of Pacific Asia Show see 2/1

SATURDAY 3

Alcoholics Anonymous Weekly meetings for recovering sober alcoholics. Ongoing Sat 9:30-10:30am FREE Bldg C (415) 674-1821

Exploring The Spiritual Life Weekly discussion group explores the dynamics of the spiritual journey. Experience encouragement in response to life's everyday challenges & explore how God fits into life's journey. Ongoing Sat 11am FREE adm Bldg C www.secondwindsf.org (415) 748-0015

● **The Princess & The Pea** Hans Christian Andersen's classic tale of the overly sensitive princess is presented w/puppets & live actors in this YPT production. 1/20-2/11 Sat 1pm Sun 1&3:30pm $9-$6 FMC "Friends" $1 off w/mbrs card Young Performers Theatre Bldg C www.ypt.org (415) 346-5550

Crossing The Line — Pollywogs To Shellbacks When crossing the equator for the first time, sailors must be officially welcomed to the realm of King Neptune. SF Maritime NHP's Living History Players present a traditional line-crossing ceremony & talk about the festivities — past & present — that accompany it. 2pm $5 res req J. Porter Shaw Library Bldg E www.nps.gov/safr (415) 561-7040

Arts Of Pacific Asia see 2/1

"DANCE" WOODBLOCK PRINT BY DANIEL KELLY. COURTESY: MICHAEL VERNE

● **Hothouse '07** Magic Theatre's popular concept returns. Three world premiere plays are presented in rotating repertory. 2/3-4/1 Days & times vary. $45-$26/tkt (Previews $25-$20) $90/three play series, Sliding Scale Wed FMC "Friends" $1 off w/mbrs card Magic Theatre Bldg D www.magictheatre.org (415) 441-8822

Pleasure & Pain Magic Theatre Associate Artistic Director Jessica Heidt directs playwright Chantal Bilodeau's sexy, suspenseful thriller about a woman coming to the realization that there can be no pleasure without pain. Previews 2/3-9 Run of the play 2/10-3/31 Wed-Sun

Rust In this biting comedy by Kirsten Greenidge, a black superstar football player learns to play the game on his own terms. Raelle Myrick-Hodges directs. Previews 2/17-23 Run of the play 2/24-4/1 Wed-Sun

'Bot C. Michèle Kaplan's story of a teenager's world-changing vision is directed by Magic Theatre Artistic Director Chris Smith. Previews 3/3-9 Run of the play 3/10-4/1 Wed-Sun

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Sterling Silver Jewelry Sale see 2/2

● **BATS Improv** see 2/2

SUNDAY 4

Food Addicts In Recovery Anonymous A fellowship of men & women in a 12-step program for recovery from addictive eating, bulimia & anorexia. Ongoing Sun 8-9:30am FREE adm Bldg C www.foodaddicts.org (415) 248-9347

Word Of Faith Christian Center Non-denominational Christian ministry teaches practical application of the Bible. Children's church for infants to age 4 on Sundays. Ongoing Sun 10:30-11:30am Wed 7-8pm FREE adm Bldg C www.wofsf.org (415) 468-9455

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ONGOING PROGRAMS

Book Bay Bookstore
Books, CDs, videos, DVDs & ephemera donated to support programs in SF libraries. Daily 10am-6pm FREE adm Book Bay Bookstore Bldg C www.friendssfpl.org/bookbaystore.html (415) 771-1076

City College Of San Francisco Fort Mason Art Campus
Offices Mon-Thur 8:30am-10pm Fri 8:30am-4pm, Sat 8:30am-3pm (closed 2/19 Mon) Bldg B www.ccsf.edu (415) 561-1840

Classes See Classes & Workshops.

Coffee Gallery Works of art in an informal setting at CCSF's Fort Mason Art Campus. Mon-Thur 8am-11pm, Fri-Sun 8am-Midnight FREE 1st Fl Lobby (415) 561-1843

Fort Mason Foundation Main Office Lobby
Daily 9am-8pm (closed 2/19 Mon) FREE adm Bldg A www.fortmason.org/visual arts (415) 441-3400

Interiors: The F-Market Line Photographer Tim Baskerville creates striking black & white images of the interiors of the historic streetcars on San Francisco's Market & Embarcadero Streets. 1/2-2/16 www.timbaskerville.com (707) 645-9860

Long Now Foundation
The Long Now Foundation promotes & supports long-term thinking through exhibits, lectures & other materials available in its store. Tue-Fri 11am-7pm Sat&Sun 11am-6pm FREE adm Bldg A www.longnow.org (415) 561-6582

Vernor Vinge Lecture see 2/15

Museo ItaloAmericano
Gallery & gift shop Wed-Sun Noon-4pm FREE adm Bldg C www.museoitaloamericano.org (415) 673-2200

Rorschach Italians: Mixed Media By Paula Metallo & San Francisco Bay Views: Paintings By Richard I. Perri 2/7-4/22

Wednesday Night At The Movies see 2/7

Gallery Tours see 2/10

The Wild Cards Of California Modernism see 2/15

Discover Italy Sunday see 2/25

Italian Language Classes See Classes & Workshops

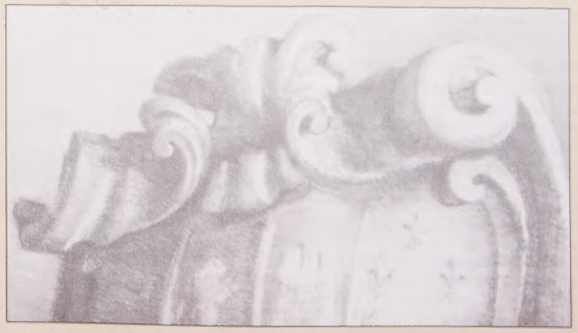
SF Maritime National Historical Park (J. Porter Shaw Library)
Premier collection of maritime history, books, magazines, photographs, oral histories & ships' plans. Mon-Fri 1-4pm (by appt. only) FREE adm Bldg E www.nps.gov/safr/historyculture/research contact.htm (415) 561-7030

Crossing the Line — Pollywogs To Shellbacks see 2/3

SF Museum Of Modern Art Artists Gallery
Tue-Sat 11:30am-5:30pm FREE adm www.sfmoma.org/museumstore/artists_overview.html (415) 441-4777

Just Charcoal: Works by Claire Brees, Stephanie Dennis, Mark Eanes, John King, Elizabeth Leger, Larry Lippold, Amy Sollins & Patricia Thomas 2/7-3/9

Artists' Reception see 2/7



Just Charcoal SF Museum Of Modern Art Artists Gallery

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WEDNESDAY 7

Artists' Reception *Just Charcoal* — a selection of work by Bay Area artists working in charcoal. 5:30-7:30pm FREE adm SFMOMA Artists Gallery Bldg A www.sfmoma.org/museumstore/artists_overview.html (415) 441-4777

Wednesday Night At The Movies The popular Italian film series continues. All films are in Italian w/English subtitles. Through 3/14 Wed 6:30pm $10 Museo ItaloAmericano Bldg C www.museoitaloamericano.org (415) 673-2200

The Girlfriends Michelangelo Antonioni 2/7
The Railroad Man Pietro Germi 2/14
White Nights Luchino Visconti 2/21
Bell'Antonio Mauro Bolognini 2/28

● **Hothouse '07** see 2/3
Word Of Faith Christian Cntr see 2/4

THURSDAY 8

SF Tribal & Textile Arts Show View & purchase cultural artifacts of indigenous peoples from around the world at this dramatic show of museum-quality tribal, textile & folk art. More than 100 top dealers & galleries from around the world participate. In a special exhibit, renowned textile artist Jon Eric Riis presents selected tapestry & textile works. The opening night gala benefits the galleries of Africa, Oceania & the Americas at the de Young Museum. 2/8-11 Opening Night Preview 2/8 Thur 6-9pm (call (415) 750-7656 for cost) Exhibit & sale 2/9-11 Fri&Sat 11am-7pm Sun 11am-5pm $15 Festival Pavilion www.caskeylees.com (310) 455-2886

Astrology Lecture Joyce Levine speaks on "The Dilemma of the Fixed Cross — Why It's Hard To Plan for the Future (Or Predict It Either)." 7:30-9:30pm $18 ($15 adv) Bldg C www.geocosmic.org (415) 558-9614

Breakthrough Astrology Workshop 2/10 see Education classes page 5

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FRIDAY 9

● **Company C Contemporary Ballet** The company opens its 2007 season with signature works by Twyla Tharp, Paul Taylor, Lynne Taylor-Corbett, James Sewell & Artistic Director Charles Anderson. An "In Performance Series" recipient. 2/9&10 Fri&Sat 8pm $35-$30 FMC "Friends" $5 off w/mbrs card Cowell Theater www.companycballet.org (415) 345-7575

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SATURDAY 10

Gallery Tours The artists featured in the current Museo ItaloAmericano exhibit lead tours of their exhibitions. 2/10&17 Sat 2pm FREE Museo ItaloAmericano Bldg C www.museoitaloamericano.org (415) 673-2200

Paula Metallo Tour 2/10
Richard L. Perri Tour 2/17

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SUNDAY 11

Friends Of Ethnic Art Lectures 10am&2pm FREE adm Firehouse www.friendsofethnicart.org (415) 487-8706

Barter, Blood & Beauty Wolfgang Schlink, gallery owner & board member of the Ethnic Arts Council of Los Angeles, presents a look at the roles beads have played in European exploration & exploitation of the New World & Africa. 10am

Toraja Heirloom Textiles: Sarita & Mawa Sandra Sardjono, asst textile curator of the LA County Museum of Art, discusses sacred cloths of the Toraja people of central Sulawesi. 2pm

Share Your Love A Valentine's Day celebration that is a fundraiser for the Uganda Initiative of the Mercury Institute. Gourmet food & wine, music & dancing, art sale & silent auction are part of the festivities. Noon-4pm $50 ($75/couple) Bldg A www.tmii.org (650) 270-1628

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The Lost Path see 2/16 PHOTO: MARCY MALOY

Word Of Faith Christian Cntr see 2/4
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MONDAY 12

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TUESDAY 13

Wellness Group see 2/1

WEDNESDAY 14

Bay Area Heart Gallery An exhibit of photographs of children & youth living in foster care who need adoptive families & permanent lifelong relationships. Presented by a partnership of public & private agencies working w/volunteers, photographers & artists in serving children & youth in foster care throughout the Bay Area. There is a reception on 2/17. Exhibit 2/14-19 Wed-Sun 10am-8pm Mon 10am-4pm, Reception 2/17 Sat 4-7pm FREE adm Bldg D www.bayareaheartgallery.com (888) 478-4579

● **BATS Improv** see 2/2
● **Hothouse '07** see 2/3
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THURSDAY 15

Pacific Orchid Exposition The SF Orchid Society presents "Orchid Fantasia," the 55th annual show & sale of this wildly popular flower. More than 100,000 plants in every color, shape & size are on display. 2/15-18 Thur-Sun Gala Benefit Preview 2/15 Thur 6:30-10pm $35 ($30 adv), Show & Sale 2/16-18 Fri 10am-6pm Sat 9am-6pm Sun 10am-5pm $12-$8 (ages 12 & under FREE w/adult) Festival Pavilion www.orchidsanfrancisco.org (415) 665-2468

Long Now Foundation A lecture by Vernor Vinge, author of the newly released *Rainbows End*. 7pm (coffee) 7:30pm (lecture) FREE adm ($10 donation rec) Cowell Theater www.longnow.org (415) 561-6582

Museo ItaloAmericano Lecture Pierluigi Serraino presents "The Wild Cards of California Modernism," a look at post-World War II architecture in Northern California. 7pm FREE res req Museo ItaloAmericano Bldg C www.museoitaloamericano.org (415) 673-2200

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● **Hothouse '07** see 2/3
Bay Area Heart Gallery see 2/14

FRIDAY 16

Gold Country Classic The popular gymnastics competition returns. The co-ed event features nearly 800 young gymnasts from all over the US. This year's competition features a special All-Academy Championship between the Army, Navy & Air Force. 2/16-19 Fri-Mon See web site for schedule & prices Herbst Pavilion www.goldcountryclassic.com (925) 640-0335

● **The Lost Path: A Eurythmy Performance** The 13th annual performance of the SF Youth Eurythmy Troupe includes a variety of musical numbers, poetry & a special performance by comedian Ronald Koetzsch. 2/16&17 Fri 7:30pm Sat 2pm $20-$15 FMC "Friends" $1 off w/mbrs card Cowell Theater hs.sfwaldorf.org (415) 431-2736

● **BATS Improv** see 2/2
● **Hothouse '07** see 2/3
Bay Area Heart Gallery see 2/14
Pacific Orchid Exposition see 2/15

SATURDAY 17

Psychic Healing Fair Psychic Horizons' students & graduates offer readings & healings. 1-3pm FREE Gatehouse www.psychichorizons.com (415) 643-8800

Designer Clothing Sample Sale Buy favorites like BCBG, Ella Moss & more at 50%-70% off retail. 9am-4pm FREE adm Bldg A (213) 327-0531

● **BATS Improv** see 2/2
Alcoholics Anonymous see 2/3
Exploring The Spiritual Life see 2/3
● **Hothouse '07** see 2/3
Gallery Tour see 2/10
Bay Area Heart Gallery see 2/14
Pacific Orchid Exposition see 2/15
Gold Country Classic see 2/16
● **The Lost Path** see 2/16

SUNDAY 18

● **BATS Improv** see 2/2
● **Hothouse '07** see 2/3
Food Addicts In Recovery see 2/4
Word Of Faith Christian Cntr see 2/4
Bay Area Heart Gallery see 2/14
Pacific Orchid Exposition see 2/15
Gold Country Classic see 2/16

MONDAY 19

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Gold Country Classic see 2/16

TUESDAY 20

Wellness Group see 2/1

WEDNESDAY 21

● **Hothouse '07** see 2/3
Word Of Faith Christian Cntr see 2/4
Wednesday Night At The Movies see 2/7

THURSDAY 22

SF Astrological Society June Crane speaks on "Astrology, Local Space & Feng Shui." 7:30-9:30pm $10 Bldg C www.sfastrologicalsociety.com (415) 566-8174

Wellness Group see 2/1
● **Hothouse '07** see 2/3

FRIDAY 23

● **BATS Improv** see 2/2
● **Hothouse '07** see 2/3

SATURDAY 24

Great SF Crystal Fair Select from 40 vendors of crystals, minerals, beads, jewelry & metaphysical healing tools at this dazzling fair that is celebrating its 20th anniversary this weekend. 2/24&25 Sat 10am-6pm Sun 10am-4pm $5 (under 12 FREE w/adult) Bldg A www.crystalfair.com (415) 383-7837

SF Bay Area Postcard Club Monthly meeting of postcard enthusiasts w/old & new postcards for sale or trade. Noon-3pm FREE adm Bldg C (415) 826-8337

SF Chronicle Wine Competition Tasting Taste the winning entries from this annual competition of wines from across the US. Samplings of gourmet specialty foods are also presented. This year there is a Special Tasting in a reserved area w/food from Maverick American Eatery & Wine Bar & a tasting of select gold medal-winning wines. 1-5pm $60 ($45 adv), Special Tasting $120 ($90 adv) Festival Pavilion www.winejudging.com (415) 345-7575

● **BATS Improv** see 2/2
Alcoholics Anonymous see 2/3
Exploring The Spiritual Life see 2/3
● **Hothouse '07** see 2/3

SUNDAY 25

Discover Italy Sunday Frank Roselli, a *Marchigiano* born & educated in the region, presents "Le Marche: The Next Tuscany?" 2/25&3/4 Sun 2:30-4:30pm FREE res req Museo ItaloAmericano Bldg C www.museoitaloamericano.org (415) 673-2200

27th Annual Academy Of Friends Gala Watch the Academy Awards telecast in an elegant black-tie atmosphere while sampling luscious food & drink from top Bay Area restaurants & wineries. A silent auction & raffle also take place. A fundraiser for Bay Area HIV/AIDS organizations. 4:30-10:30pm $250 Herbst Pavilion www.academyoffriends.org (415) 995-9890

● **BATS Improv** see 2/2
● **Hothouse '07** see 2/3
Food Addicts In Recovery see 2/4
Word Of Faith Christian Cntr see 2/4
Great SF Crystal Fair see 2/24

MONDAY 26

See Ongoing Programs

TUESDAY 27

Songscreening A music industry guest screens original songs for possible use in television or film, placement w/a recording artist, or for an artist development deal. 7-10pm $5 plus $75 annual fee Bldg C www.westcoastsongwriters.org (800) FOR-SONG

Wellness Group see 2/1

WEDNESDAY 28

● **Hothouse '07** see 2/3
Word Of Faith Christian Cntr see 2/4
Wednesday Night At The Movies see 2/7

CLASSES & WORKSHOPS

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CHILDREN'S CLASSES

Blue Bear School Of Music see Performing Arts classes

Chinese Dance Academy Lily Cai Chinese Dance Company melds ancient Chinese forms w/modern dance & offers classes for all ages. Bldg C www.ccpsf.org (415) 474-4829

Fostering Peer Play & Friendships In Autistic Children A two-day seminar on how to foster children's peer play & friendships within school, home & community settings. 2/2&3 Fri&Sat 8:30am-4:30pm $300-$200 both days, $175-$125 one day Bldg A www.angelscenter.org (415) 392-0882

Golden Gate Music Together Music/movement classes for infants-4 yrs w/parent or caregiver (required). Songs, dance, music, CD/tape & songbook incl. Ongoing classes. Call or visit web site for times, days & costs. Gatehouse www.goldengatemusictogether.com (415) 884-2710

Jing Mo Athletic Assn see Martial Arts classes

SF Children's Art Center focuses on a process-oriented art experience for children ages 27 mos to 10 yrs. Ongoing enrollment for classes in all media. Call or visit web site for info. Winter classes begin 1/2. Bldg C www.childrensartcenter.org (415) 771-0292

Art Birthday Parties include use of studio, art supplies & activities led by SFCAC teachers. 11am or 2pm Sun, cost varies

Valentine's Day Card Making Workshop Join us to create one-of-a-kind Valentine's Day cards w/stencils, stamps, collage & more at this popular family event. 2/4 Sun 10am-Noon $20/adult or child pair, $5/addl child

Young Performers Theatre Classes & plays for 3 yrs & up. Spring 2007 classes begin 2/5. Call or visit web site for info. Bldg C www.ypt.org (415) 346-5550

Acting Classes for children (ages 7-15), including Basic Magic, Creative Drama, How To Be Funny On Stage, Musical Theate, & others. Call or visit web site for schedule & fees.

Birthday Parties at YPT. Call or visit web site for details.

● ***The Princess & The Pea*** see 2/3

EDUCATION

Advanced 1031 Exchange Workshop Learn advanced tax code & accounting strategies for proper deferral of capital gains taxes on the sale of investment real estate. 2/1 Thur 10am-Noon FREE Bldg C www.ax1031.com (877) 471-1031

CCSF Continuing Education See web site for classes & schedule. Spring classes begin 2/5. Offices: Mon Thur 8:30am-10pm, Fri 8:30am-4pm, Sat 8:30am-3pm (closed 2/19 Mon) Bldg B www.ccsf.edu/ContinEd (415) 561-1860

Closing The Books & Tax Prep Class This workshop offered by the National Association of Investors Corporation focuses on closing the books for year-end statements & preparing for federal tax returns. 2/10 Sat 1-5pm $30 Bldg C www.betterinvesting.org (925) 443-5766

How To Beat The Unemployment System Seminar on how nonprofits can save money by reimbursing the state for unemployment claims instead of paying the state unemployment tax (SUI). 2/8 Thur 9-11am $35 Bldg C www.501c.com (800) 442-4867

Helping You & Your Clients Break Through Astro-Psychological Obstacles Join Joyce Levine for an in-depth presentation on how to work w/clients in ways that will help them overcome roadblocks, understand motivations & work w/their strengths in areas that matter most to them: relationships, careers & personal aspirations. 2/10 Sat 10am-5pm $70 ($60 adv) Bldg C hometown.aol.com/ncgrsfbac/myhomepage (415) 558-9614

Improv Comedy Traffic School see Education

Improv Comedy Traffic School Laugh while you learn traffic safety in this Traffic Violator class. Ongoing classes. Call or visit web site for details. Bldg C www.4trafficschoolbyimprov.com (800) 775-5233

Initial Here & Sign Here Do you follow instructions without full knowledge of your legal responsibilities? Learn the basics of contract law in this first in a series of lectures on real estate law by Kenneth B. Tsang, attorney & real estate broker. 2/21 Wed 6-8pm FREE Bldg C www.tsanglaw.com (415) 543-3105

Kaplan Classes Strategies for college admissions tests. Various dates, times & costs, see web site. Bldg C www.kaptest.com (415) 905-9000

Morissey Oral History Workshop A unique oral history training for beginners & experienced practitioners alike. Charles T. Morrissey, renowned oral historian, shares his 40-plus years of experience with participants. 2/23-25 Fri-Sun 8:30am-5pm $390 ($350 adv) Bldg C (415) 928-3417

Museo ItaloAmericano Ongoing classes in Italian language & culture. Call or visit web site for schedule & fees. Bldg C www.museoitaloamericano.org (415) 673-2200

Practical Philosophy Course offering practical guidance for anyone seeking self-realization & a deeper, more fulfilling life. 1/10-3/28 Wed 7-9:30pm $195/term, adv reg req, one-time guest drop-ins welcome Bldg C www.practicalphilosopher.org (925) 828-8695

Presidio School Of Management see Environment classes

Princeton Review Earn the highest scores you can on college admissions exams by preparing w/exceptional instructors & timely, challenging materials. Visit web site for course schedule. $1249 Bldg C www.princetonreview.com (800) 2Review (273-8439)

Systems-Centered Training Systems-centered theory explains how living systems contain their energy within functional boundaries & direct it towards their goals: the primary goals of survival & development & the secondary goals of environmental mastery. These courses offer experiential theory & practice for understanding & influencing human systems. "Training Group" 2/15 Thu 3-6pm $75, "Training Day" 2/16 Fri 9am-5pm $200 $75 Bldg C www.systemscentered.com (404) 261-5559

Testing For The Public Strategies for LSAT, GMAT and GRE. Various dates & times. See web site for more info & cost. Bldg B www.testing4.org (888) 383 7846

ENVIRONMENT

Environmental Traveling Companions Enjoy the wilderness while contributing to wilderness access for people w/disabilities & youth. Scholarships available. Call or visit web site for more info. Bldg C www.etctrips.org (415) 474-7662

Presidio School Of Management Earn an MBA in Sustainable Management. The program integrates social & environmental values within every course. Since 2003, the school has succeeded as a collaborative learning community committed to human, natural & financial sustainability. See web site for courses, dates, times & cost. Bldg C www.presidiomba.org (415) 561-6555

HEALTH & RECREATION

Aesclepion Healing Center You don't have to be sick to try a healing. Attend Aesclepion's spiritual healing clinic. Ongoing Fri 7:30-9:30pm FREE Bldg C www.aesclepion.net (415) 453-6196

Ayurvedic Specialist Program California College of Ayurveda offers state-approved certification in this ancient healing method from India. Ongoing classes Bldg C www.ayurvedacollege.com (866) 541-6699

Breema: The Body As A Vehicle of Being Present Nurturing & enlivening, Breema bodywork exercises harmonize body, mind & feelings, supporting the aim of being present. The exercises use touch, tension-relieving stretches & rhythmic movements. 2/24 Sat 10am-1pm $30 Bldg C www.breema.com (510) 428-0937

● **Fundamentals Of Brennan Healing Science Workshop** gives you a thorough introduction to Brennan Healing Science, a hands-on approach to healing & personal transformation. The format includes lectures, healing demonstrations, meditations, healing techniques, practice healings & opportunities to encourage the enhancement of your High Sense Perception. 2/3&4 Sat 9am-6pm & Sun 10am-5pm $275 FMC "Friends" $25 off w/mbrs card Bldg C www.barbarabrennan.com (831) 588-3682

Gentle Power Aerobics 50 yrs & older. Ongoing classes at FMC for 27 yrs. Low-impact, high-energy aerobics Mon, Wed&Fri ($8/class). Yoga & stretching Tue ($9). 9:30-10:45am Bldg C (415) 389-8249

Psychic Healing Clinic Psychic Horizons is the only personal transformation school that offers a practical & integrated approach to create what you want in life — immediately. This clinic provides an opportunity to get clarity on an issue, along w/a quick reading & healing by students of the Clairvoyant Program. 2/17 Sat 1-3pm FREE Gatehouse www.psychichorizons.com (415) 643-8800

Quest Camp Afterschool Therapy Two-hour weekly group therapy program developed to improve self-esteem, behavior & social skills by learning techniques to change unproductive behaviors. 2/2-23 Fri 3:30-5:30pm $80/group Bldg C www.questcamps.com (925) 743-1370

Tian Gong Qi Gong Classes Providing people w/the means to heal themselves, others & the world, Tian Gong offers practices that fuse the ancient Chinese practice of Qi Gong & Universal energy healing traditions. Various dates, times & costs Bldg C www.tiangong.org (415) 292-5117

MARTIAL ARTS

Bay Mountain Wing Tsun Kung Fu & Escrima Effective, natural, martial arts for inner growth, health & relaxation. Ongoing classes. See web site for schedule & cost. Bldg C www.bm-wingtsun.com (888) 429-9494

Cheuk Fung Yi Chuan Kung Fu Improve physical health & enhance mental faculties w/this down-to-earth style of martial arts. Ongoing classes. Tue&Thur 8-9:30pm $80/mo Bldg C www.yichuankungfu.com (510) 352-1263

Jack Man/Jing Mo Assn Rick L. Wing of Jing Mo Athletic Assn. leads classes formerly taught by retired Grand Master Jack Man Wong. Ongoing classes. Sun 10am Noon, Wed 5:30-7:30pm $50/mo Bldg C www.jingmo.com (415) 661-8346

Jing Mo Athletic Assn Gung-fu hand forms & weapons, drums & lion dances taught in a fun environment. Children (ages 7 & up) & adults. Ongoing Fri 7-9:30pm $36-$26/mo Bldg C www.jingmo.com (415) 661-8346

Sayoc Kali Tuhon Ricardo Kayanan trains warriors in edged weapons survival skills. Ongoing classes. Tue&Thur 7:30-9pm & Sun 11am-1pm, call for cost Bldg C www.sayoc.com (415) 939-4940

Shaolin Tai Chi Mantis Kung Fu Learn & practice Kung Fu sets & techniques. Ongoing Mon 8-10pm $40/mo Bldg C sfmantis@aol.com (415) 750 9201

Tai Chi Morning Workout Improve health & balance & reduce stress w/certified instructor Zach Ma. All levels. Ongoing classes. Tue&Thur 8:30-9:30am $40/mo Bldg C (650) 755-2661

Tai Chi Practice Cloud Hands West offers a course on how to improve your strength, flexibility, sense of balance & inner well-being. Ongoing Sat 8:30-10am $10/mo Bldg C (415) 499-1561

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Strengthening Partnerships, One Couple At A Time

▶ MEETING ACTIVITY SPACE, BUILDING C

Think you've figured out what it takes to secure a lasting, durable relationship? Think again.

Based on the latest scientific research, Drs. Michelle and Patrick Gannon — two local psychologists who are a happily married couple themselves — have identified what makes marriages succeed and fail. By teaching how to communicate better, resolve conflicts, avoid unhealthy relationship patterns, and build intimacy and resiliency, their Marriage Prep 101 course is helping couples develop bonds that can weather the inevitable strains of modern family life.

Marriage Prep 101 Drs. Patrick & Michelle Gannon see Self-Improvement

Marriage Prep 101, offered regularly here at Fort Mason Center, is a comprehensive 10-hour workshop for premarital and newlywed couples designed to prepare them for a lifelong marriage by building on their strengths and teaching essential relationship skills. The course is not affiliated with any religious organization, and couples of all faiths and backgrounds are welcome to participate.

The Gannons are commemorating their 50th workshop in February, and will offer additional workshops throughout 2007. For more about Marriage Prep 101 see the Self-Improvement category on this page or visit www.marriageprep101.com. —*AL*

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PERFORMING ARTS

● **BATS Improv** Whether you're an actor who wants to enhance your performance skills or someone who just thinks improv looks like fun, BATS Improv has a class for you. See web site for schedule & fees. See the calendar for BATS performance schedule. Bayfront Theater Bldg B www.improv.org (415) 474-6776

Blue Bear School Of Music Offering popular music instruction since 1971, Blue Bear provides private & group lessons in rock, jazz, blues, reggae & other popular musical styles. Instrument & voice, all ages & levels, day & evening programs. Group courses include band playing workshops for adults & kids plus Little Bear classes for infant to five years. Call or visit web site for schedules & fees. Bldg D www.bluebearmusic.org (415) 673-3600

Chinese Dance Academy see Children's classes

● **Improv Open Workshop** Explore spontaneity & creativity in a stimulating, fun & supportive environment w/games, stage skills, body awareness & laughter. No experience needed. Ongoing Sat 1-4pm $10/class FMC "Friends" $1 off w/mbrs card Bldg C (650) 225-9095

Meisner Technique Of Acting Trained by Sanford Meisner, Rachael Steinberg Adler teaches the Meisner Technique. Utilizing exercises, scene & monologue work, the course focuses on the development & use of instincts & emotional impulses as the forces underlying truthful action. Ongoing Mon&Thur 6:45-9:45pm (no class 2/19) Call for cost Bldg C & Gatehouse www.meisnercoach.com (415) 456-2725

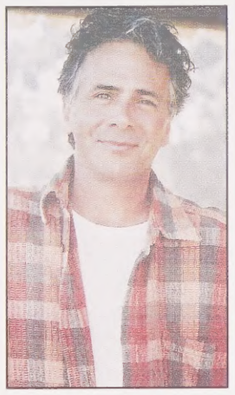
Performing Arts Workshop provides arts education to youth in the San Francisco Bay Area and beyond. Internships, school residencies, workshops & materials are offered for performers, teachers & artists in schools. Bldg C www.pawsf.org (415) 673-2634

The Meisner Technique School Of Acting offers classes taught by founder Jim Jarrett, who spent four years as Mr. Meisner's protégé being groomed to carry on his legacy. Two ongoing courses offered: Sat 9am-noon & Tue 7-10pm or Mon 7-10pm & Thur 7-10pm (no class 2/5) $300/mo Bldg C & Gatehouse www.jarrettproductions.com (208) 720-7888

Young Performers Theatre see Children's classes

SELF-IMPROVEMENT

Marriage Prep 101 Create a foundation for lifelong marriage in Drs. Michelle & Patrick Gannon's award-winning weekend workshop for premarital & newlywed couples (see page 5 for profile). Learn communication, conflict resolution & intimacy enhancement skills. 2/2&3 Fri 7-10pm, Sat 9am-5pm $395/couple includes refreshments, catered lunch, workbooks & novelties. Bldg C www.marriageprep101.com (415) 905-8830



The Meisner Technique School Of Acting Founder Teacher Jim Jarrett see Performing Arts

Pickup 101 Lance Mason offers intensive seminars for men on becoming irresistable to women. Bldgs B&C www.pickup101.com (877) 742-5879

Art Of Attraction Workshop "Attract women like a magnet attracts iron." 2/2-4 Fri 5pm-1:30am Sat 10am-1:30am Sun 10am-8pm $1682

Art Of Rapport Workshop "How to find your soulmate... for a year or a night." 2/9-11 Fri 10am-10pm Sat 10am-10pm Sun 10am-8pm $2282

Take A Little Time Out Maureen Smith, master hypnotherapist & author, presents a four-evening series on techniques for "leaving go of the workaday world: an invitation to bring in bliss, balance & the beauty of beingness." 1/17-2/7 Wed 6:30-8pm $50 for entire series, $15/session Bldg C www.fulltiltliving.com (415) 469-5027

VISUAL ARTS & MEDIA

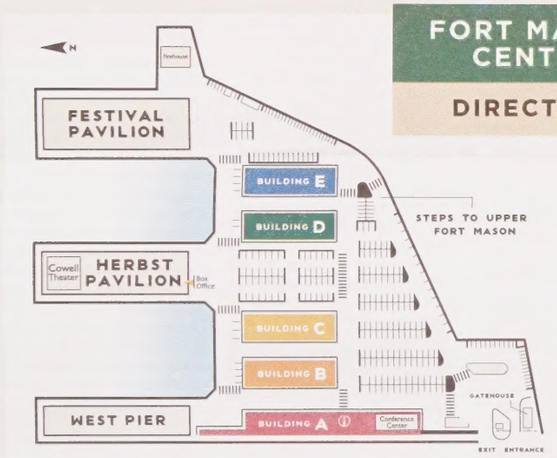
CCSF Fort Mason Art Campus AM & PM classes (3 units college credit each) in ceramics, design, drawing, painting, prints & sculpture. See web site for details. $20/unit Bldg B www.ccsf.edu (415) 561-1860

Designing for Fun & Profit Professional training in surface pattern design sponsored by Surface Design Assn. 1/30-5/8 Tue 7:15-9:45pm $560 Bldg C www.imagewestdesign.com (415) 482-9856

Screenwriting As A Pro If you're an aspiring or professional screenwriter, actor, or filmmaker, screenwriter/novelist James Dalessandro can show you the secrets of writing screenplays Hollywood will love. Open to all levels. Call for schedule & cost. reg req Bldg C www.we-penguins.com (415) 491-1906

SF Children's Art Center see Children's classes

Skywriter Series III — Rewrite & Retrofit Ensure your writing has an optimal polish. Learn that persistence is the true reward for any writer. Designed for longer pieces & experienced workshop participants. 1/23-2/17 Tue 7-9pm $395 Bldg B skywriter.hollypayne.com (415) 205-8331



FORT MASON CENTER DIRECTORY

FMC RESIDENTS

Fort Mason Center houses 30 resident nonprofit organizations. These groups can provide you with information on printmaking, broadcasting, river rafting, theater, dance, marine ecosystems, copyrights, and much more. Contact the offices to find out what services, speakers, classes, or trips these outstanding Bay Area groups have to offer.

BUILDING A

Fort Mason Foundation (415) 441-3400
Greens Restaurant (415) 771-6222
Greens To Go (415) 771-6222
Special Events (415) 771-7955
Long Now Foundation (415) 561-6582
SF Museum Of Modern Art Artists Gallery (415) 441-4777
Visitor Information (415) 441-3400

BUILDING B

BATS Improv/Bayfront Theater Office (415) 474-6776 Box Office (415) 474-8935
California Lawyers For The Arts: Arts Arbitration & Mediation Services (415) 775-7715
City College Of San Francisco Coffee Gallery (415) 561-1840 Continuing Education (415) 561-1860 Fort Mason Art Campus (415) 561-1840
Cooks & Company (415) 673-4137
Marine Exchange (415) 441-6600
Ploughshares Fund (415) 775-2244

BUILDING C

Animal Switchboard (415) 474-4021
Book Bay Bookstore (415) 771-1076
California Lawyers For The Arts (415) 775-7200
Chinese Cultural Productions/ Lily Cai Chinese Dance Co. (415) 474-4829
Environmental Traveling Companions (415) 474-7662
Museo ItaloAmericano/ Italian American Cultural Center (415) 673-2200
Performing Arts Workshop (415) 673-2634
SF Children's Art Center (415) 771-0292
Tuolumne River Trust (415) 292-3531
Young Performers Theatre (415) 346-5550

BUILDING D

Blue Bear School Of Music (415) 673-3600
Friends Of The SF Public Library (415) 771-3777
Magic Theatre Office (415) 441-8001 Box office (415) 441-8822
Radio Bilingüe (415) 674-0925
Resource Renewal Institute (415) 928-3774 Green Century Project Green Plan Center Water Heritage Trust
World Arts West (415) 474-3914

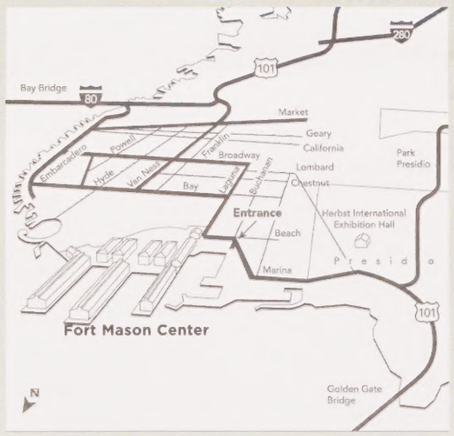
BUILDING E

SF Maritime National Historical Park Headquarters (415) 561-7000 Collections Storage Facility (415) 561-7060 SF Documents Department (415) 561-7070 SF Maritime National Historical Park Library/J. Porter Shaw Library (415) 561-7030

PIERS

MIDDLE PIER
Cowell Theater, Herbst Pavilion (415) 441-3400
Fort Mason Box Office (415) 345-7575
Herbst Pavilion (415) 441-3400
EAST PIER
Festival Pavilion (415) 441-3400

DIRECTIONS & PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION



FORT MASON CENTER

East Bay Bay Bridge to Fremont Street Exit; on Fremont (100 yards north) take first right on Howard; left on Embarcadero & go 2 miles; left on Bay & go 2 miles; right on Buchanan. Cross Marina Blvd. & sharp right into Fort Mason Center.

North Bay Golden Gate Bridge (US 101) to Marina Exit; Marina Blvd (1.5 miles) to Buchanan & turn left into Fort Mason Center.

Peninsula/South Bay US 101 North to 9th St. Exit; 9th across Market & left on Hayes; right on Franklin; left on Bay; right on Buchanan. Cross Marina Blvd. & sharp right into Fort Mason Center

HERBST INTERNATIONAL EXHIBITION HALL Located in the Presidio, Moraga at Montgomery St. on the Main Post. Accessible through the following Presidio Gates: Marina (Marina Blvd. & Lyon St.); Lombard (Lombard & Lyon St.); Presidio Blvd. (Presidio & Pacific St.); or Arguello (Arguello Blvd. & Jackson St.). www.presidiotrust.gov/directions/transit.asp

TRANSPORTATION NUMBERS

Bay Area-Wide: www.511.org or call 817-1717 or 511 from any area code

East Bay BART: www.bart.gov (510) 465-2278

North Bay Golden Gate Transit: www.goldengate.org (415) 455-2000

Peninsula/South Bay CalTrain: www.caltrain.com (800) 660-4287

San Francisco MUNI: www.sfmuni.com (415) 673-6864

Herbst International Exhibition Hall: Presidio Shuttle Service www.presidio.gov/Visiting/DirectionsShuttle/PresidiGo

PARK FOR PRESERVATION AT FORT MASON CENTER

Parking Rates First hour is Free, 1-1½ hours $1, 1½-2 hours $2, 2-2½ hours $4, 2-3 hours $6. More than 3 hours $8 per day. For more information about parking go to our website www.fortmason.org/aboutus/parking.shtml. Net proceeds from parking fees go toward the restoration and preservation of Fort Mason Center's historic landmark buildings — allowing the Center's unique programs to continue.

Fort Mason Center In The Coming Decades

When the Fort Mason Foundation signed a 60-year lease with the National Park Service in late 2005, it signaled a new era, said Board Chair Ivar S. Chhina. "I see that as a critical moment. The long terms of the lease allow us, for the first time, to be much more strategic about the future of Fort Mason Center."

Fort Mason Center's West Pier PHOTO: RON TIERNEY

By all standards the military base conversion to peacetime use in 1977 was a success. Other organizations attempting to do the same in other parts of the country — and the world for that matter — visit Fort Mason Center to find out how this was accomplished. What the foundation's newly reorganized board of trustees wants to do is not just rest on that success. They want to fulfill all of the Center's potential.

"With community outreach and professional guidance, the board of trustees and staff are poised to build on the solid past to create a dynamic, innovative future," said Vice Chair Lucia Choi-Dalton, who oversees external affairs. "In the next few years, the Center will gradually become a 24/7 destination with an even more exciting variety of activities.

"The goal is to make Fort Mason Center a destination attraction, one that takes advantage of its breathtaking waterfront location," she said. "We also plan to renovate the currently vacant 55,000 square-foot West Pier and use it for compelling public programming."

New strategic objectives were informed by a series of visioning sessions and charettes that occurred once the lease was signed. Members of existing resident organizations, civic leaders, corporate executives, artists, producers, and neighbors provided meaningful insight to the process. In the next few months, the board and staff will be working with others as well to help shape this new era for Fort Mason Center.

But one of those earlier ideas has already begun to take form. "One of the first things people will see," said Choi-Dalton, "is the Making History at Fort Mason project. We will bring to life in a variety of very visible ways the untold history of Fort Mason, from the pre-Ohlone time up through its days as the primary military embarkation point for wars in the Pacific."

As Fort Mason Center was at its founding — a reflection of the diversity of the Bay Area community — so it will be in the years to come. Dozens of nonprofits have made the Center its home — including the nationally known vegetarian restaurant Greens and the legendary Magic Theatre, known throughout the country for working with emerging playwrights and original work.

Also included are San Francisco City College's Arts Campus and Blue Bear School of Music, among many others. Intermingled with the programs of the nearly two-dozen nonprofit residents are the regular offerings of hundreds of organizations — dance companies, ethnic festivals, art exhibitions, wine tastings, fundraising galas, environmental fairs, and hundreds of classes and workshops.

Another Board Vice Chair, Marston Nauman said, "What we're doing now is providing an even greater opportunity for innovation. It also means that as the foundation opens itself up to this new vision we take on greater responsibility for renovation and preservation as well." — *RT*

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Tuolumne River Trust: Protecting & Restoring A California Jewel

Lower Tuolumne River, Central Valley COURTESY: TUOLUMNE RIVER TRUST

The Tuolumne River, listed by the nonprofit American Rivers as the eighth most endangered in the United States, includes one of the most ecologically vital streams in the Sierra Nevadas and is home to the largest natural salmon runs in the San Joaquin Valley. Flowing out of Yosemite National Park, it travels 162 miles through alpine habitats, deep conifer-filled canyons, and oak-wooded foothills.

The Tuolumne River Trust, with offices at Fort Mason Center, in Modesto, and Sonora, is "dedicated to promoting the stewardship of the Tuolumne River and its tributaries to ensure a healthy watershed." Its work is inspired not only by the sheer beauty and richness of this California jewel, but also by the efforts of such early environmental pioneers as John Muir.

In 1901, the legendary conservationist and Sierra Club founder fought valiantly— yet unsuccessfully — to stop the development of Hetch Hetchy Valley in Yosemite. Now completely flooded by the O'Shaughnessy Dam on the upper Tuolumne, outflow from the valley supplies most of the drinking water and electricity to San Francisco.

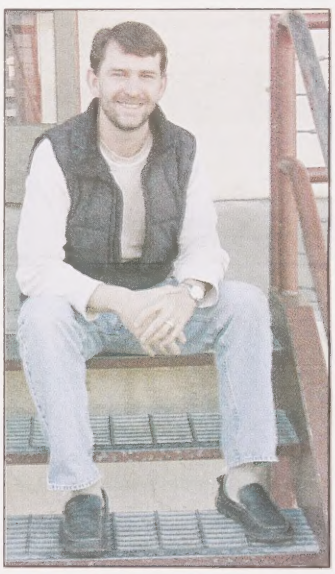
By the early 1980s, a new plan emerged to develop a $900 million dam project on the Tuolumne River. "The project would have devastated miles of trout habitat, the last remaining whitewater stretch of the Tuolumne, an entire community, and three family camps that have thrived in the area for generations," said Trust Executive Director Eric Wesselman. In response, the Trust came together in 1981 as a coalition of fishermen, family campers, environmentalists, whitewater boaters, and businesses to launch a campaign calling for the river's permanent protection.

"After three years of intense campaigning the dams were defeated when President Ronald Reagan signed the bill designating 83 miles of the Tuolumne as a Wild and Scenic River," said Wesselman. Buoyed by this early success, the Trust became a respected force for the long-term protection of the river. In 1994, the Trust led an effort to halt a plan by the Turlock Irrigation District to dam the Clavey River, the Tuolumne's most pristine tributary. And in 2005, the Trust convinced the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission to drop plans to build a 47-mile pipeline across the San Joaquin Valley that would have increased demand on the Hetch Hetchy system.

"Unfortunately, they are still proceeding with plans to increase the amount of water they siphon off," which is the single greatest threat to the river, Wesselman said. In the upper watershed, the river remains threatened by hydroelectric and other development, and the lower river needs habitat restoration after decades of industrial pollution, agricultural runoff, and low flows.

Toward these ends, the Trust works throughout the watershed for sustainable solutions that balance a strong economy with a healthy environment. "In the Bay Area, we are advocating for a safe and reliable water plan that relies on conservation and recycling instead of taking more water," said Wesselman. In the Central Valley, the Trust is expanding its Outdoor Classroom Program to encourage youth river stewardship, and is negotiating a deal with private landowners to protect more than 1,600 acres of prime land along the Tuolumne and San Joaquin Rivers.

For more about the work and activities of the Tuolumne River Trust, please visit www.tuolumne.org. —*AL*



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